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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt an Order instructing Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol to implement radar speed enforcement on Washington Boulevard between Bellford Avenue and Altadena Drive in the unincorporated area of Altadena.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The residents of the unincorporated area of Altadena and the California Highway Patrol are concerned about public safety in pursuing speeders with conventional speed enforcement measures and have requested the use of radar speed enforcement on this route.

Our investigation has verified that a significant amount of traffic on this commercial district street in the unincorporated County area is exceeding the posted speed limit of 35 mph. This route also traverses a school zone and has abutting churches and residential development. High-speed surveillance and pursuit exposes the offender, law enforcement personnel, and the general public to increased accident potential. The use of radar will significantly reduce accident potential.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since radar speed enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit and, therefore, will improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Not applicable.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Highway Patrol for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated County area. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the California Highway Patrol by your Board on October 5, 1993. A key provision of the agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the California Highway Patrol. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class 1-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

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CONCLUSION

At such time as this recommendation may be approved, please return one copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel